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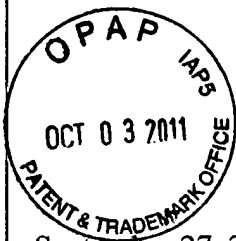
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Re: Patent No. 6,727,990 issued April 27, 2004
Title **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MONITORING AND
ANALYZING THE SURFACE OF FLOATED MATERIAL**
Our Reference: 00072-20366.US

Dear Ms. Donnell:

I just wanted to thank you for expediting our petition for change of entity status and deficiency payment for the above-referenced patent. I had called the Office of Petitions only a couple of days prior to the Acceptance of the petition and had been told that it would be three to five months before a decision could be expected. The delay had caused me some trepidation since a maintenance fee is due at the end of October, and I did not think the entity status would be changed prior to the due date.

We truly appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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